

# Special Superintendents' Webcast

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Sept. 1, 2020

# Agenda

## **KDE Communications Updates**

*Toni Konz Tatman, KDE Interim Director of Communications*

## **KDE COVID-19 Considerations for Reopening Schools - English Learner Programs**

*Jessica Sanderson, KDE Title III Program Consultant*

## **NTI Support Webpage**

*David Cook, KDE Office of Continuous Improvement and Support*

## **Healthy at School Update**

*Kelly Foster, Ed.D., KDE Office of Continuous Improvement and Support*

## **COVID-19 Updates with the Kentucky Department for Public Health**

*Dr. Connie White, Deputy Commissioner;*

*Emily Messerli, DNP, APRN, Immunization Branch Manager*

## **Question and Answer Session**

*KDE Leadership Team and Invited Guests*

# KDE Communications Updates

- KDE Announces 2021 Teacher of the Year Semifinalists
- New Superintendent Profiles – we have posted nine features already!
- Coverings for Kids update
- FAQs for Kentucky's Schools and Districts – 895 questions answered since March

[Toni Konz Tatman](#)

*KDE Interim Director of Communications,  
Office of the Commissioner*

# ***2021 KENTUCKY TEACHER OF THE YEAR***

# **NINE SEMIFINALISTS**



**Donnie Piercey**  
**Samuel J. Northern**  
**Donnie Wilkerson**

**Scott Wade**  
**Christopher McCurry**  
**Lori Knapp-Lindsay**

**Tia Wood**  
**Laura Peavley**  
**Jeannette M. Teater**



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## New Metcalfe County Superintendent Josh Hurt has passion for teaching and coaching

By Sky Carroll - August 28, 2020

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Josh Hurt, Metcalfe County's new superintendent, got into education to positively impact others. Here he loads packaged food as meals for students onto buses amid the COVID-19 pandemic.  
Photo submitted

New Metcalfe County Superintendent Josh Hurt has passion for teaching and coaching

## For new Rockcastle superintendent, the job means homecoming

By Jim Gaines - August 12, 2020

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Carrie Ballinger, Rockcastle County's new superintendent, works at her desk in Mt. Vernon. Ballinger, who previously served as Rockcastle's director of student services, said she wants to push Rockcastle schools forward by continuing work on instructional improvements.  
Photo submitted

For new Rockcastle Superintendent Carrie Ballinger, the job means homecoming



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## New Christian County superintendent Bentzel hopes to help students take advantage of opportunities

By Sky Carroll - August 7, 2020

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Christian County's new Superintendent Chris Bentzel said he wants to fully support students to help prepare them for their future. After leaving the U.S. Army, he taught 5th-grade social studies for four years in Christian County, then went on to be an elementary school principal, middle school principal and high school principal there.  
Submitted photo

New Christian County superintendent hopes to help students take advantage of opportunities

## Alexander seeking positive experiences for students as new Edmonson County superintendent

By Sky Carroll - August 5, 2020

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Brian Alexander, the new superintendent for Edmonson County schools, started out his teaching career as a business teacher at Warren Central High School (Warren County). He has spent much of his educational career in Edmonson County, serving as a teacher, assistant principal, principal and director of pupil personnel.  
Photo submitted

Alexander seeking positive experiences for students as new Edmonson County superintendent

## Service to others inspires Martin, new Meade County superintendent

By Sky Carroll - July 29, 2020

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Mark Martin, the new superintendent for Meade County Schools, is a third generation Kentucky educator. Here he presents to Meade County teachers at Meade County's 2019 Close the Gap professional development training, a training that focuses on instructional strategies to create a learning culture that removes educational barriers for all students.

Submitted photo

[Service to others inspires Martin, new Meade County superintendent](#)

## Damian Johnson's heart lies at Jenkins Independent

By Jacob Perkins - July 24, 2020

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Damian Johnson gives a presentation on education legislation. Johnson, the 1993 valedictorian at Jenkins High School, plans on establishing a culture of high expectations, hard work and accountability during his tenure as superintendent of Jenkins Independent Schools.

Submitted photo

[Damian Johnson's heart lies at Jenkins Independent](#)



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## Sugg seeks continuity on return to Shelby County

By Jim Gaines - July 21, 2020

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Sally Sugg, the new superintendent of Shelby County Schools, reads with a student during her visit to Shelby County's Northside Early Childhood Center. Photo submitted

[Sugg seeks continuity on return to Shelby County](#)

## Family guides Thomas, new Todd County superintendent

By Jim Gaines - July 17, 2020

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Todd County superintendent Mark Thomas, left, reviews district plans with Assistant Superintendent Camille Dillingham and South Todd Elementary 5th-grade teacher Rachel Meyer. Submitted photo

[Family guides Thomas, new Todd County superintendent](#)

## Déjà vu for Leon Smith at Russellville Independent Schools

By Jim Gaines - July 14, 2020

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Russellville Independent School District Interim Superintendent Leon Smith, left, prior to his retirement from the same district, stands in 2017 with Stevenson Elementary Principal Robin Cornelius, right, to recognize that school's BornLearning Academy student achievements. When Bart Flener announced he was leaving the district in May, the Russellville board of education asked Smith to come back until a new permanent superintendent is hired. Submitted photo

[Déjà vu for Leon Smith at Russellville Independent Schools](#)






- Initially announced by First Lady Britainy Beshear during the Aug. 4 Superintendents' Webcast; later shared at Gov. Beshear's press conference
- As of today, **85** local school districts (100 % of those responding so far) have appointed coordinators and will begin collecting face coverings and masks!
- Districts have received outreach packet, including language, graphics, drafted social media posts and emails for promotion.
- Districts will decide the ultimate use of the masks



# COVID-19: Answers to FAQs for Kentucky's Schools and Districts *(Last updated Aug. 20. 895 questions answered.)*

2	 <p>Note: Responses provided herein are based on the best information available to the Kentucky Department of Education, Kentucky Board of Education and Commissioner of Education when published and do not constitute medical or legal advice. Responses are subject to change and are for general information purposes only. If you are seeking medical advice, please see <a href="https://govstatus.egov.com/kycovid19">https://govstatus.egov.com/kycovid19</a> and consult with a medical professional. If you are seeking legal advice, please consult with an attorney.</p>				
3	<b>What question(s) do you have about COVID-19? 🚩</b>	<b>KDE staff response</b>	<b>Available link for districts to use?</b>	<b>Date updated</b>	
4	If district is choosing a split inperson/virtual week and a parent of a student with special needs requests in-person attendance all 5 days stating it is their LRE, how do we handle this?	Please contact Veronica Sullivan at <a href="mailto:veronica.sullivan@education.ky.gov">veronica.sullivan@education.ky.gov</a> or Sylvia Starkey at <a href="mailto:sylvia.starkey@education.ky.gov">sylvia.starkey@education.ky.gov</a> in the Office of Special Education and Early Learning to discuss the specific situation.		8/4/2020	
5	Incoming kindergarten students are assessed using BRIGANCE at the start of each school year. Since several districts are beginning school either virtually or with a hybrid model, will this be waived for the 2020-21 school year?	Virtual administration of assessments within the BRIGANCE Screens III is not recommended at this time. The procedure for administering the Screens III does not easily lend itself to videoconferencing technology and, therefore, Curriculum Associates has not validated administration of the BRIGANCE Kindergarten screen (the K screen) through a virtual approach. At its August 2020 meeting, the Kentucky Board of Education will consider a waiver to expand the timeframe of testing and reporting. The board will also discuss giving the Commissioner of Education the authority to exempt schools from screening students who may not attend schools in person.		8/4/2020	
6	Must school-based preschool programs follow childcare guidelines and maintain a class size of 10?	KDE recommends using the room capacity calculator to determine the class size. A link is adjacent.	<a href="https://education.ky.gov/comm/Documents/RoomCapacityCalculator.xlsx">https://education.ky.gov/comm/Documents/RoomCapacityCalculator.xlsx</a>	8/4/2020	
7	What precautions should schools take if a student has medical waiver from the mask requirement and is in a classroom with medically fragile students? Who can attend school in that classroom?	Students should not be excluded from school if they do not or cannot wear masks, but extra precautions should be taken when medically fragile students are involved. In this situation, districts must be vigilant about everyone else following the	<a href="https://education.ky.gov/comm/Documents/Safety%20Expectations_FINAL%20DOC.pdf">https://education.ky.gov/comm/Documents/Safety%20Expectations_FINAL%20DOC.pdf</a>	8/4/2020	


# Kentucky Department of Education – Main Webpage

**COVID-19 Alert** - For the latest information on the novel coronavirus in Kentucky, please visit [kycovid19.ky.gov](https://kycovid19.ky.gov)

Ky.gov An Official Website of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

**Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information**

Learn what precautions you can take about the coronavirus.  
Call the KY Department for Public Health's COVID-19 hotline at (800) 722-5725 or visit its [COVID-19 webpage](#).  
More information also is available on [KDE's COVID-19 webpage](#).

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**Updates on 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

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**Our Vision**

Each and every student empowered and equipped to pursue a successful future.

**Mission Statement**

To partner with districts, schools, families, students, business and industry, and communities to provide leadership and support to ensure success for each and every student.

**Our Core Values**

The department's core values are equity, achievement, collaboration and integrity.

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## KDE COVID-19 Webpage


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**COVID-19 Updates and Information for P-12 Education**


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# Overview of KDE Guidance Issued for Reopening Schools



*In response to the COVID-19 crisis, KDE has been committed to providing guidance and solutions that focus on educating and feeding our children and providing support to our districts.*

*Since May 15, we have been releasing **weekly** guidance documents to all of our superintendents and districts regarding reopening schools for the 2020-2021 year.*

*We also created this “KDE Reopening Guidance” tab on our COVID-19 website, where you can find all of the guidance and our weekly Special Superintendents’ Webcasts, which we have been holding since March.*



# To Date: KDE COVID-19 Guidance Issued for Reopening of Schools

**May 15:** [Initial Guidance for Districts and Schools](#)

**May 26:** [Supporting Student and Staff Wellness](#)

**June 1:** [Academic Re-entry, Stage One: Drafting an Adjusted Curriculum](#)

**June 1:** [Evaluating Students' Academic Readiness](#)

**June 8:** [Alternative Learning Design Strategies](#)

**June 15:** [Intermittent School Closures](#)

**June 22:** [Food Service Operations - USDA School Meal Programs](#)

**June 24:** [\(With Kentucky DPH\) Safety Expectations and Best Practices Guidelines for Kentucky Schools \(K-12\)](#)

**June 25:** [Pupil Transportation](#)

# To Date: KDE COVID-19 Guidance Issued for Reopening of Schools

## **June 29:**

- [Facilities and Logistics](#)
- [Plan for Reopening Secondary Career and Technical Education \(CTE\) Facilities for Completion of Industry Certifications and Lab-Based Dual Credit Coursework](#)

## **July 6:**

- [Workplace Health and Safety](#)

## **July 13:**

- [Academic Re-entry, Stage Two: Meeting Learners' Academic Needs](#)

## **July 20:**

- [Exceptional Learners and Preschool Students](#)
- [Compensatory Education and Extended School Year Services](#)
- [Daily Participation and Non-Traditional Instruction](#)

# To Date: KDE COVID-19 Guidance Issued for Reopening of Schools

## **July 24:**

- [\*Flexibility for Assigning Staff in the COVID-19 Instructional Settings\*](#)

## **July 27:**

- [\*Food Service Operations – Waivers for USDA School Meal Programs\*](#)

## **Aug. 10:**

- [\*Library Media Center\*](#)
- [\*Class Sizes in Virtual Programs and Courses\*](#)

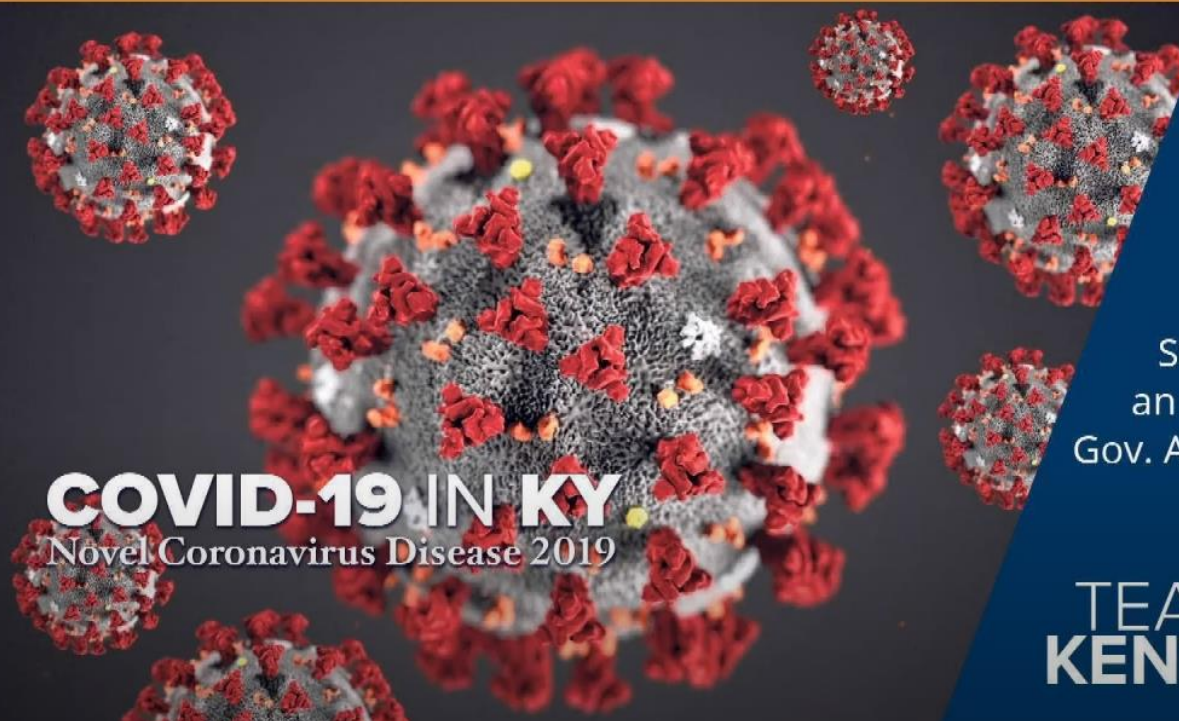
## **Aug. 17:**

- [\*Welcoming Students for Orientation and Targeted Services\*](#)
- [\*2020-2021 Participation Tracking in Infinite Campus\*](#)

## **Aug. 31:**

- [\*Frequently Asked Questions about English Learner Programs at Reopening\*](#)

FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION, VISIT [KYCOVID19.KY.GOV](https://KYCOVID19.KY.GOV)



**COVID-19 IN KY**  
Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019



Stay tuned for  
an update from  
Gov. Andy Beshear

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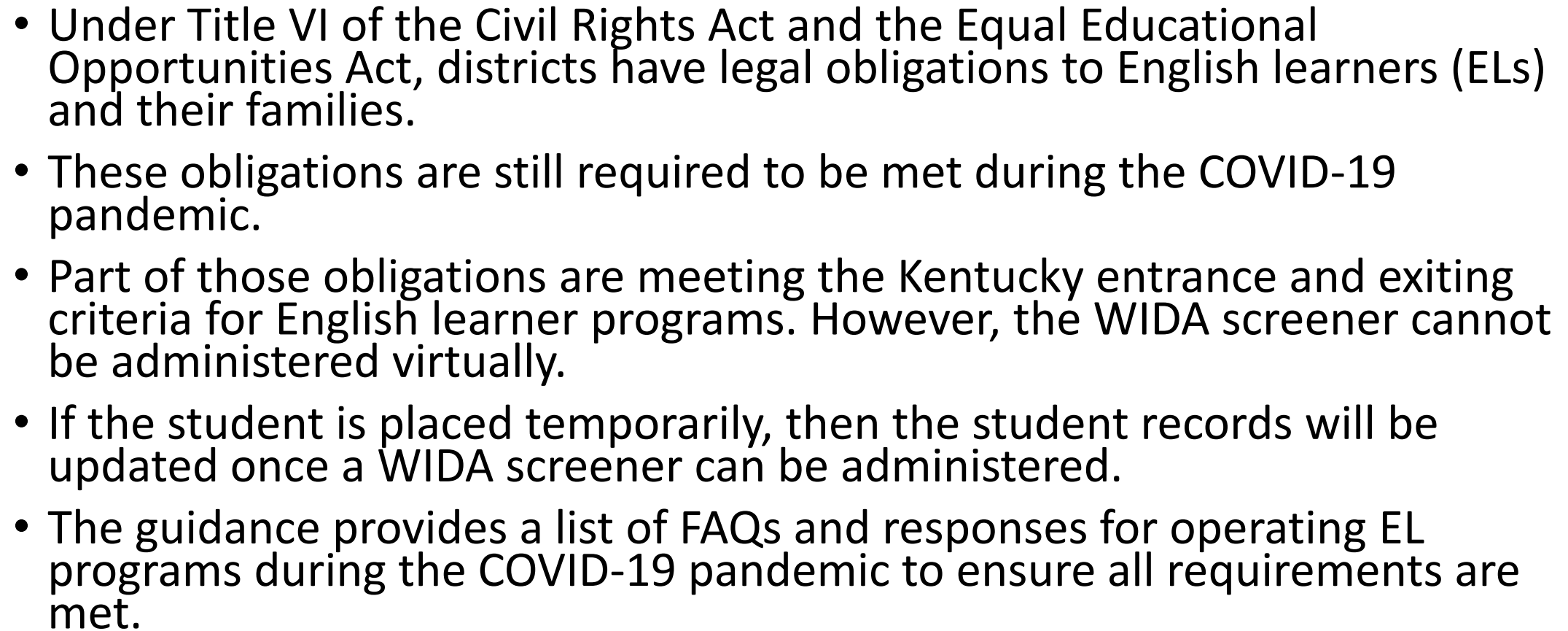
# KDE Guidance: COVID-19 Considerations for Reopening Schools - English Learner Programs

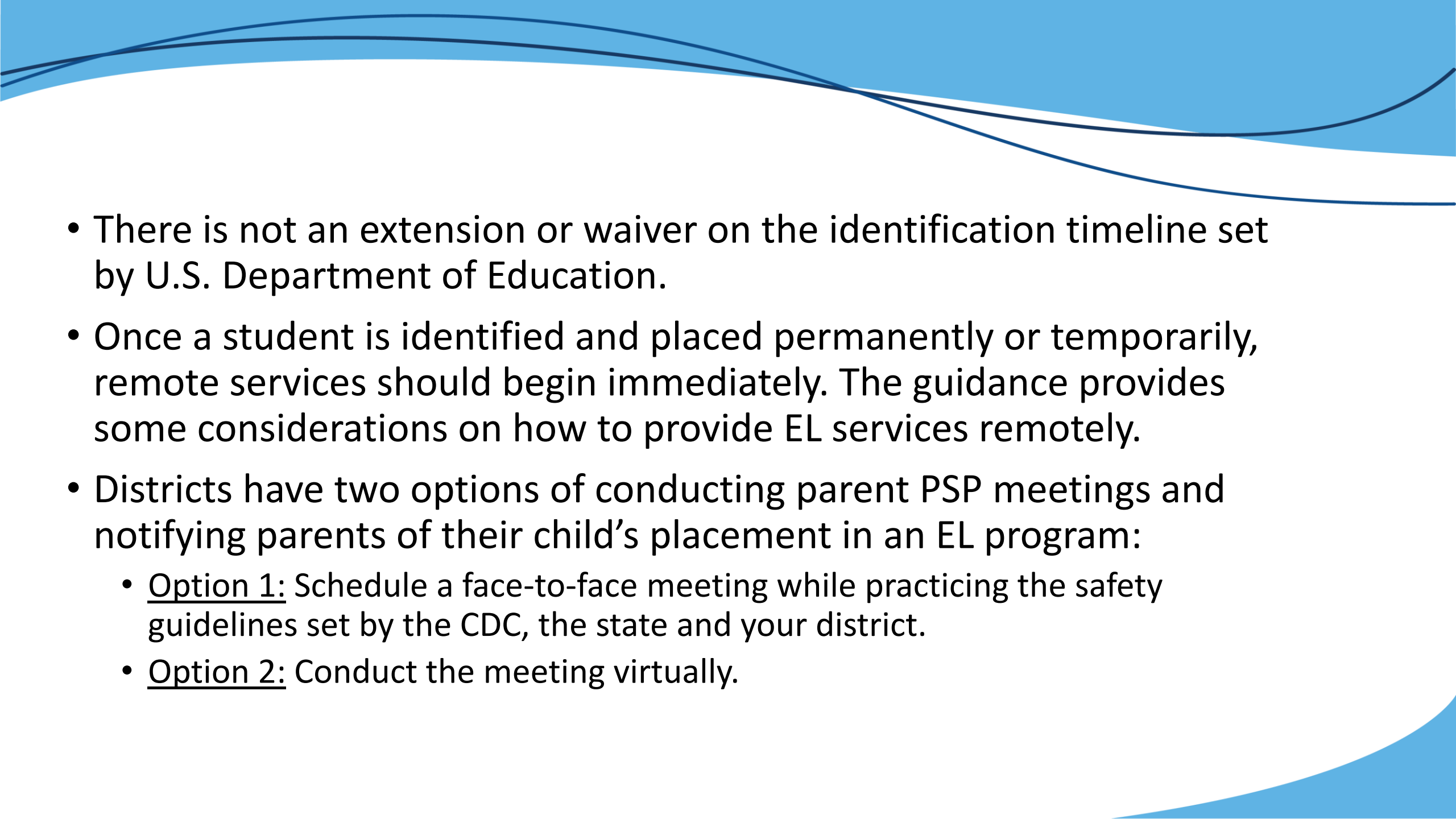
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- Under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act and the Equal Educational Opportunities Act, districts have legal obligations to English learners (ELs) and their families.
  - These obligations are still required to be met during the COVID-19 pandemic.
  - Part of those obligations are meeting the Kentucky entrance and exiting criteria for English learner programs. However, the WIDA screener cannot be administered virtually.
  - If the student is placed temporarily, then the student records will be updated once a WIDA screener can be administered.
  - The guidance provides a list of FAQs and responses for operating EL programs during the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure all requirements are met.

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- There is not an extension or waiver on the identification timeline set by U.S. Department of Education.
  - Once a student is identified and placed permanently or temporarily, remote services should begin immediately. The guidance provides some considerations on how to provide EL services remotely.
  - Districts have two options of conducting parent PSP meetings and notifying parents of their child's placement in an EL program:
    - Option 1: Schedule a face-to-face meeting while practicing the safety guidelines set by the CDC, the state and your district.
    - Option 2: Conduct the meeting virtually.

- More information may be forthcoming from the U.S. Department of Education. The Kentucky Department of Education will update guidance as needed to keep districts informed.
- For questions about EL programs not answered here, email [Jessica Sanderson](#) or [Erin Sudduth](#), or call (502) 564-3791.
- For updates and information about KDE's response to COVID-19, refer to [KDE's COVID-19 webpage](#).
- Visit the WIDA website for [WIDA COVID-19 response and updates](#) and resources for [distance teaching and learning](#).



# NTI Support Webpage

David Cook

KDE Office of Continuous Improvement and Support

# NTI Support Services Webpage

- The Division of Innovation at KDE has developed a webpage to provide support and tools necessary for school districts to successfully navigate in-person, virtual and blended instruction.
- This site is intended for use as an ongoing and growing resource for educators across the Commonwealth in supporting quality instruction wherever students are learning.

# NTI Support Services Webpage

- NTI Support Contacts
- About NTI
- COVID-19 Updates
- NTI 2.0
- Digital Strategies
- Support for Districts
- Support for Teachers
- **Request Help**

# NTI Support Services Webpage

## NTI Support Services Request



### NTI Support Services Request Form

FOR TEACHERS AND DISTRICT STAFF -

Need additional support with Non-Traditional Instruction? Our team is eager to help!

Simply fill out the form below and your request will be sent to KDE's NTI Support Team.

We will connect you with answers, resources, guidance, and solutions.



\* Required



# Healthy at School Update

Kelly Foster, Ed.D.

KDE Office of Continuous Improvement and Support

# Healthy at School Update

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#HealthyAtSchool

Guidance on Safety Expectations and Best  
Practices for Kentucky Schools  
(K-12)

Interim Guidance as of June 2020



The use of cloth face coverings (masks) should be required of all students and staff at all times while in the building or on the bus, unless there is a medical waiver. Students and staff should only lower their masks while actively eating or drinking. This change is reflected on pages 7, 8, 9, 10 and 13.

# Healthy at School

## Safety Expectations

*Strategies that must be implemented by schools.*

- School health policies
- Cloth face coverings, PPE
- Screening for all students and staff (temperature checks)
  - School exclusion
- Sanitization and environmental factors
  - Social distancing
  - Contact tracing

## Best Practices

*Additional strategies that schools may choose to follow.*

- Physical barriers
- Discontinuing attendance-dependent rewards
  - Meals served in classrooms
  - Flexible sick leave policies
- Designated Healthy at School officer
  - Training for staff

# COVID-19 Updates with the Kentucky Department for Public Health (Healthy at School)

TEAM   
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**Connie Gayle White, MD, MS,**  
*Deputy Commissioner*

**Emily Messerli, DNP, APRN,**  
*Immunization Branch Manager*

# QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS